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SUBJECT: JULY 12 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 12, 1977:

1. YUGOSLAVIA PESSIMISTIC ON HORN OUTLOOK.

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOJSOV HAS TOLD QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR LABOULAYE THAT HE ANTICIPATES FURTHER ARMED CONFLICT IN AND AROUND ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING ON THE SUDAN FRONT. LABOULAYE SURMISES YUGOSLAVIA IS FULLY COMMITTED TO ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT AND CONFIDENT IT WILL PREVAIL IN ANY TEST OF STRENGTH. (PARIS 20195, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. IRAN PONDERES ARMS AID TO SOMALIA.

ALTHOUGH SADAT HAS URGED HIM TO BE FORTHCOMING, THE SHAH SHARES OUR CAUTION. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN BELIEVES IRAN WILL NOT WISH TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF US ON THE SOMALI QUESTION,
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BUT WOULD PROBABLY JOIN IN ANY BROADLY BASED EXERCISE TO REDUCE SOVIET INFLUENCE ON THE HORN. (TEHRAN 6154, SECRET/EXDIS)

3. IRAN TO APPROACH ZIA GOVERNMENT ON REPROCESSING.

THE SHAH SAID HE WOULD TELL ZIA ESSENTIALLY WHAT HE HAD

TOLD BHUTTO: THE PROJECT WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY
FEASIBLE. HE THOUGHT ZIA COULD BE PERSUADED. (TEHRAN 6156,
SECRET/EXDIS)

4. PF POSITION "CLARIFIED."

JOSHUA NKOMO INFORMED CHARGE CLINGERMAN JULY 12 THAT THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE OF
AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE FORM OF
THE BRITISH PRESENCE AND MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS DURING
THIS PERIOD MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE. THE CHARGE BELIEVES
NKOMO'S APPARENT SHIFT TOWARD ACCOMODATION IS MOTIVATED
MORE BY TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAN A CHANGE OF HEART.
(LUSAKA 1979, CONF/EXDIS)

5. SYRIA NOT SANGUINE ABOUT PEACE PROSPECTS.

PRESIDENT ASAD PREDICTED TO CODEL HAMILTON JULY 10 THAT
IF BEGIN DECIDES TO GO TO GENEVA, IT WILL NOT BE TO SEEK
PEACE, BUT TO DEMAND ARAB CAPITULATION. ASAD SAID THE
US MUST PUT PRESSURE ON THE ISRAELIS TO BRING ABOUT A
SETTLEMENT. (DAMASCUS 4370, CONF/EXDIS)

6. SOVIETS LABEL TOTH A SPY.

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TIMES JOURNALIST USED HIS CREDENTIALS TO "GATHER SECRETS"
FOR US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES RELATED TO THE PENTAGON.
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